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(54) Diversity transmission/reception apparatus and transmit power control method

(57) Spreading sections 104 and 105 of the base station spread the respective distributed data using mutually orthogonal spreading codes and they are transmitted from antennas 106 and 107. Despreading sections 202 and 203 of the mobile station despread the received signals using the same spreading codes as those used at the base station, demodulation sections 204 and 205 demodulate the despread signals, received signal power measuring sections 207 and 208 measure their received signal powers from the demodu-

lation result, received signal power combination section 209 combines the measured received signal powers and transmit power control section 212 controls transmission power based on the combined received signal power. When carrying out diversity reception through a plurality of antennas at the base station, this suppresses transmit power control errors to a small level at the mobile station.

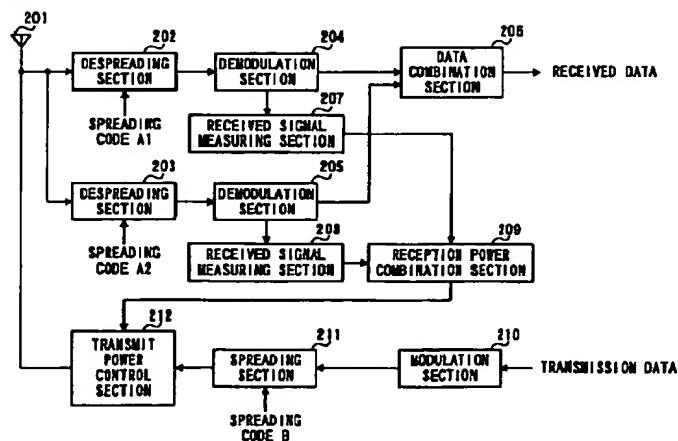


FIG. 4

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Description

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to a CDMA/TDD-based transmission/reception apparatus carrying out open-loop transmit power control and its transmit power control method.

Description of the Related Art

[0002] A CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) system is one of multiple access systems by which a plurality of stations in a radio transmission system such as car telephones and cellular telephones carry out communications on a same frequency band simultaneously and transmits information signals with their spectrum spread over a band wide enough compared to the original bandwidth, having the features of achieving highly efficient use of frequencies and accommodating many users.

[0003] However, it has a near-far problem when each mobile station transmits a signal by the same power on the CDMA system and a desired transmission station is far and a non-desired transmission station (interference station) is near. The near-far problem is the reception power of a signal transmitted from the interference station becomes greater than the reception power of a signal transmitted from the desired transmission station, failing to suppress mutual correlation between spreading codes with a processing gain alone, which leads to make communications impossible.

[0004] Therefore, a cellular system using the CDMA system requires transmit power control according to the conditions of each channel on the uplink. It also requires transmit power control for compensating against instantaneous fluctuations of received signal power as fading which is a cause of deterioration of the line quality in terrestrial mobile communication.

[0005] Here, there are cases where a TDD (Time Division Duplex) is used as a duplex system for this multiple access communication system. The TDD system is a system carrying out communications by time-sharing a same radio frequency for transmission and reception, and since it uses a same frequency band for transmission and reception its frequency correlation of fading fluctuations between a transmission signal and reception signal is 1.

[0006] Furthermore, if the period of switching between transmission and reception is short enough, time correlation in the condition of the channel of mutual fading fluctuations, etc. is high, and therefore mobile stations can perform open-loop transmit power control that controls transmission power based on received signal power effectively.

[0007] If the base station has a plurality of antennas,

there are cases where transmission diversity is used which selects the most suitable transmission antenna based on received signal power of those antennas. Using transmission diversity eliminates the necessity of space diversity at mobile stations making it possible to reduce the size of those mobile stations.

[0008] The following is an explanation of a base station and mobile station of a CDMA/TDD-based radio transmission system which carries out conventional open-loop transmit power control and uses transmission diversity, using the attached drawings.

[0009] FIG.1 is a block diagram showing a configuration of a conventional base station. The base station apparatus shown in FIG.1 comprises modulation section 11 that modulates transmission data, spreading section 12 that multiplies the modulated signal by spreading code A and spreads it, antenna control section 13 that switches transmission antennas, antennas 14 and 15 that transmit/receive signals, despreading section 16 that multiplies the received signal by spreading code B and despreads it, demodulation section 17 that demodulates the despread signal and antenna selection section 18 that measures the level of the received signal from the demodulation result and selects a transmission antenna.

[0010] The transmission data are modulated by modulation section 11 and spread with spreading code A by spreading section 12. Then, the spread signal is transmitted from either antenna 14 or antenna 15 controlled by transmission antenna control section 13.

[0011] The signal received by antenna 14 and antenna 15 is despread by despreading section 16 with spreading code B. The despread signal is demodulated by demodulation section 17 with received data extracted and the demodulation result input to transmission antenna selection section 18 as the antenna selection information. Then, transmission antenna selection section 18 compares the levels of the received signals at the two antennas based on the demodulation result and the antenna that received the larger level is selected as the antenna for transmitting data in the next slot and the signal showing the selection result is output to transmission antenna control section 13.

[0012] FIG.2 is a block diagram showing a configuration of a conventional mobile station. The mobile station shown in FIG.2 comprises antenna 21 that transmits/receives signals, despreading section 22 that multiplies the received signal by spreading code A and despreads it, demodulation section 23 that demodulates the despread signal, received signal power measuring section 24 that measures the level of the received signal from the demodulation result, modulation section 25 that modulates transmission data, spreading section 26 that multiplies the modulated signal by spreading code B and spreads it and transmit power control section 27 that performs transmit power control based on received signal power.

[0013] The signal received by antenna 21 is despread

by despreading section 22 with spreading code A, demodulated by demodulation section 23 with the received data extracted and the demodulation result input to received signal power measuring section 24. Received signal power measuring section 24 measures received signal power from the demodulation result and the measurement result is input to transmit power control section 27. Transmit power control section 27 calculates a transmission power value from the transmission power value of the base station, target received signal power value at the base station and measurement result.

[0014] The transmission data are modulated by modulation section 25, spread by spreading section 26 with spreading code B, and with power amplified by transmit power control section 27 based on the calculated transmission power value, transmitted from antenna 21.

[0015] Thus, in the conventional radio transmission system the base station transmits signals by selecting one antenna from a plurality of antennas and the mobile station carries out open-loop transmit power control based on received signal power.

[0016] However, in the conventional radio transmission system above, the mobile station carries out transmit power control only targeted at the antenna through which the base station transmitted signals and if signals are received by a plurality of antennas at the base station, transmission power is not controlled for the antennas that did not transmit signals and transmission power is not enough controlled for all of reception antennas, causing a problem of causing transmit power control errors.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0017] It is an objective of the present invention to reduce transmit power control errors to a small level when the base station performs reception through a plurality of antennas.

[0018] The present invention achieves the objective above by the base station spreading the transmission data distributed by the number of transmission antennas with mutually different spreading codes, then transmitting them in parallel from a plurality of transmission antennas, and by the mobile station despreading the each of received signals transmitted the plurality of transmission antennas, measuring and combining received signal power and controlling transmission power based on the combined received signal power.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0019] The above and other objects and features of the invention will appear more fully hereinafter from a consideration of the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein one example is illustrated by way of example, in which,

FIG. 1 is a block diagram showing a configuration of a conventional base station;

FIG. 2 is a block diagram showing a configuration of a conventional mobile station;

FIG. 3 is a block diagram showing a configuration of a base station according to an embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 4 is a block diagram showing a configuration of a mobile station according to the embodiment above.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0020] With reference now to the attached drawings, an embodiment of the present invention is explained in detail below.

[0021] FIG. 3 is a block diagram showing a configuration of a base station in an embodiment of the present invention. In the base station in FIG. 3, data distribution section 101 distributes transmission data by the number of antennas. Data are distributed in various ways; such as distributing data by serial/parallel conversion and simply distributing data in such a way that same data are transmitted from respective antennas.

[0022] Modulation sections 102 and 103 modulate the distributed transmission data, spreading section 104 multiplies the modulated signal by spreading signal A1 and spreads it and spreading section 105 multiplies the modulated signal by spreading signal A2 and spreads it. Antennas 106 and 107 transmit the spread signals by radio and receive signals transmitted from a mobile station. Despreading section 108 multiplies the received signal by spreading code B and despreads it and demodulation section 109 demodulates the despread signal and extracts the received data.

[0023] Then, the flow of signals transmitted/received by the base station is explained. Transmission data are distributed into portions corresponding in number with a plurality of antennas by data distribution section 101, modulated by modulation sections 102 and 103 and input to spreading sections 104 and 105.

[0024] Then, distributed data are spread into mutually different types of spreading codes by spreading sections 104 and 105. At this time, it is desirable that these types of spreading codes be orthogonal to one another as much as possible. These spread signals are transmitted in parallel from antenna 106 and 107.

[0025] The signals received by antennas 106 and 107 are despread by despreading section 108 with spreading code B. The despread signals are demodulated with received data extracted by demodulation section 109.

[0026] Then, the configuration of the mobile station in the embodiment above is explained using a block diagram shown in FIG. 4. In the mobile station in FIG. 4, antenna 201 transmits signals and receives signals transmitted from base station. Despreading sections 202 and 203 despread received signals by multiplying

them by same spreading codes A1 and A2 as those used on the transmitting side. Demodulation section 204 demodulates the signal despread with spreading code A1 and demodulation section 205 demodulates the signal despread with spreading code A2, and data combination section 206 returns the demodulated data to the data form prior to the distribution.

[0027] Received signal power measuring section 207 measures received signal power from the demodulation result of demodulation section 204 and received signal power measuring section 208 measures received signal power from the demodulation result of demodulation section 205. Received signal power calculation section 207 combines received signal powers of the signals transmitted in parallel. There are various ways of combining received signal powers such as simply adding them up or adding them up after weighting received signal powers. Further, there is another way of comparing levels of received signals to determine a higher level as a received signal level. Adding up received signal powers of data after weighting them allows transmission power to be controlled more accurately than using received signal powers simply added up.

[0028] Modulation section 210 modulates transmission data and spreading section 211 multiplies the modulated signal by spreading code B and spreads it. Transmit power control section 212 calculates a transmission power value from the combined received signal power and amplifies it to a transmission power value, which is the power of the transmission signal calculated.

[0029] Then, the flow of signals transmitted/received by the mobile station shown in FIG.4 is explained. A signal received by antenna 201 is despread by despread section 202 with spreading code A1 and despread by despread section 203 with spreading code A2. The signal despread with spreading code A1 is demodulated by demodulation section 204 with the demodulation result input to received signal power measuring section 207, and the signal despread with spreading code A2 is demodulated by demodulation section 205 with the demodulation result input to received signal power measuring section 208. The demodulated signals are combined by data combination section 206 into received data.

[0030] Received signal power measuring section 207 measures received signal power from the demodulation result of demodulation section 204 and received signal power measuring section 208 measures received signal power from the demodulation result of demodulation section 205 and the measuring result of each of received signal powers is input to received signal power combination section 209.

[0031] Then, received signal power combination section 209 combines the received signal power values and the combined received signal power value is input to transmit power control section 212. Transmit power control section 212 calculates a transmission power value from the transmission power value of the base station ,

target received signal power value at the base station and the combined received signal power value.

[0032] The transmission data are modulated by modulation section 210, spread by spreading section 211 with spreading code B, power amplified by transmit power control section 212 based on the transmission power value calculated and transmitted from antenna 201.

[0033] Thus, it can be measured that the received signal power of signals transmitted the each antenna of the base station by transmitting signals spread using mutually orthogonal spreading codes on the base station side and combining received powers of signals despread with spreading codes on the mobile station side. And open-loop transmit power control can be targeted on all reception antennas by calculating transmission power according to the received signal power on the mobile station side.

[0034] As explained above, the present invention allows the mobile station to perform open-loop transmit power control targeted on all antennas of the base station, making it possible to suppress transmit power control errors to a small level during reception at the plurality of antennas of the base station and reduce the total transmission power value of the mobile station.

[0035] The present invention is not limited to the above described embodiments, and various variations and modifications may be possible without departing from the scope of the present invention.

[0036] This application is based on the Japanese Patent Application No.HEI 10-263416 filed on September 17, 1998, entire content of which is expressly incorporated by reference herein.

Claims

1. A transmission/reception apparatus, comprising:

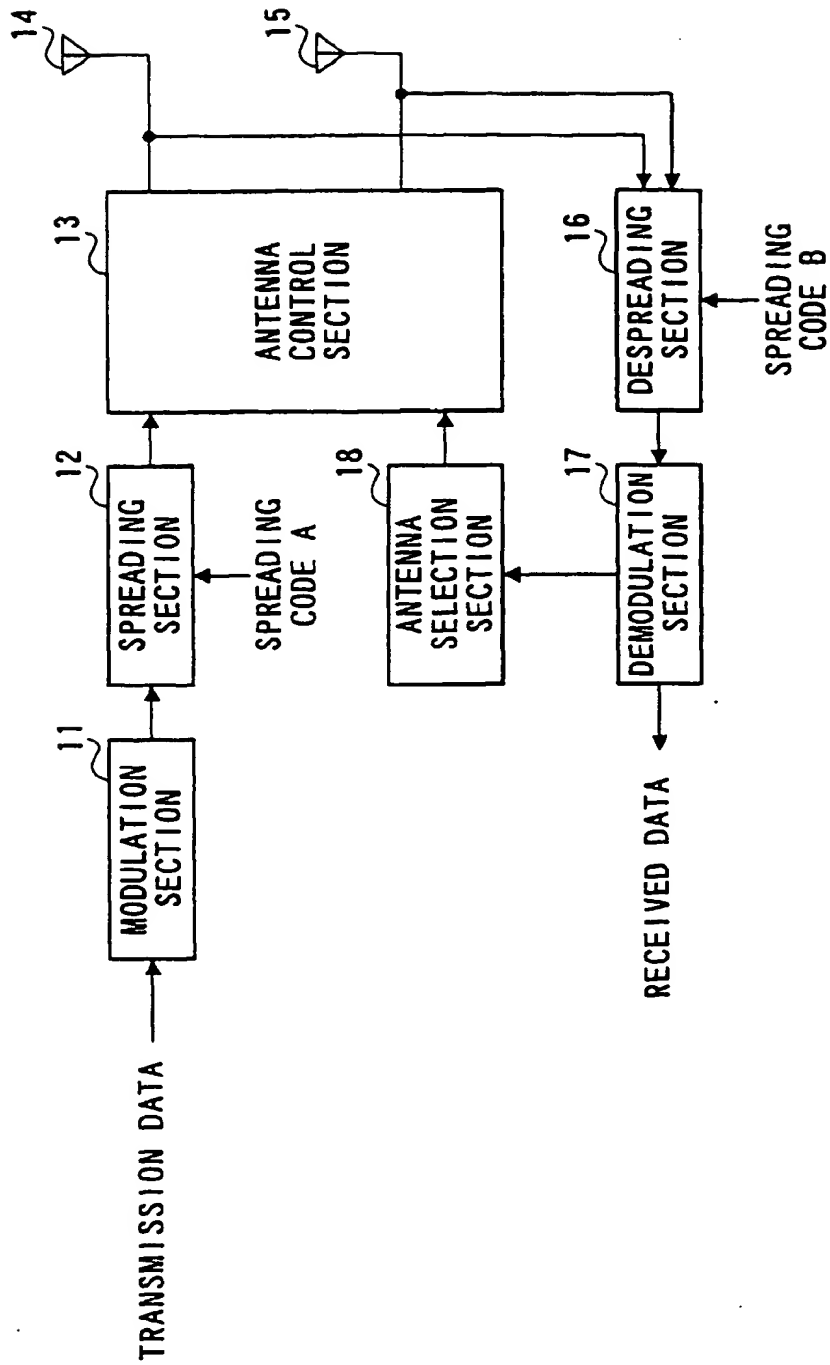
despreading means (202,203,204,205) for despreading signals spread with mutually different spreading codes and transmitted in parallel from a plurality of antennas at station;
received signal power measuring means (207,208) for measuring received signal powers of the respective despread data;
received signal power calculation means (209) for combining received signal powers of the respective measured data; and
transmit power control means (212) for controlling transmission power based on the combined received signal power.

2. The transmission/reception apparatus according to claim 1,

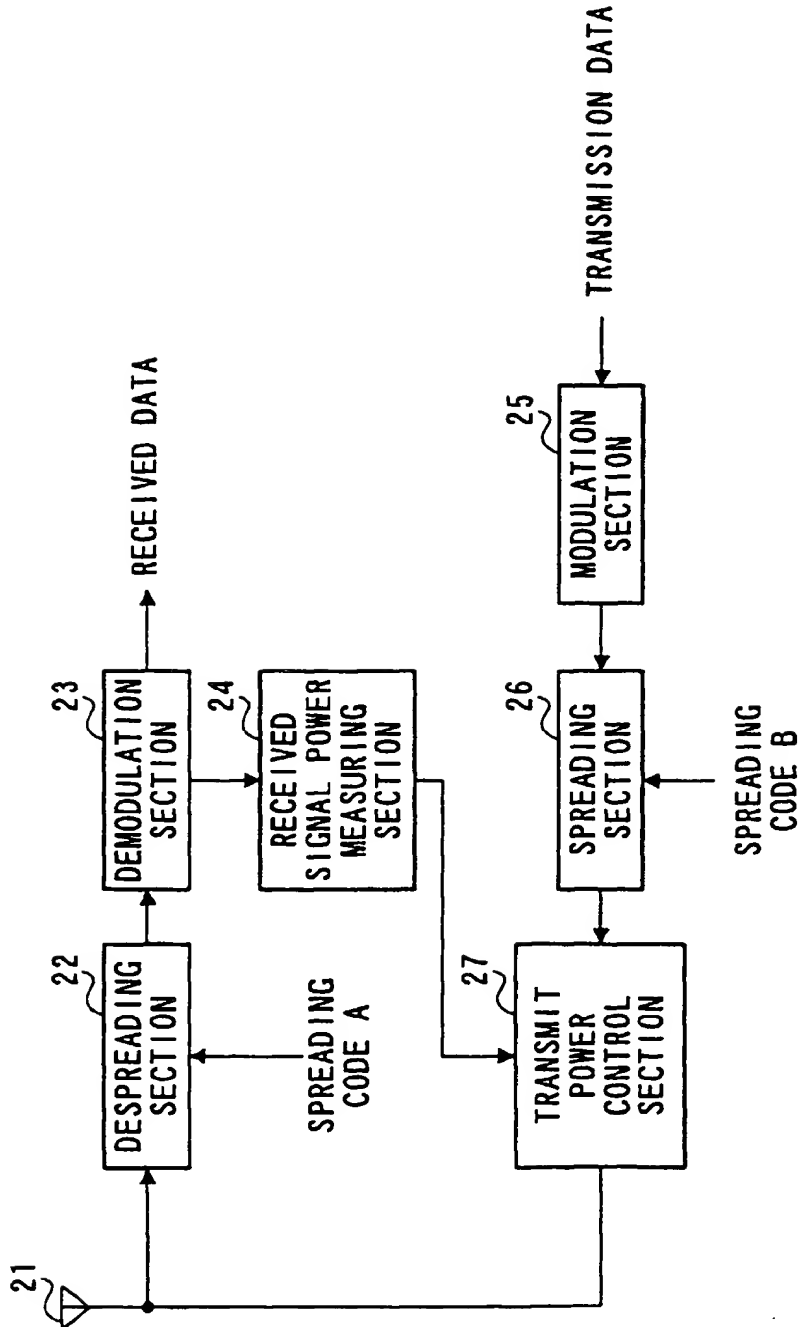
wherein the calculation means (209) adds up received signal powers of the respective measured data after weighting them.

3. The transmission/reception apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the calculation means (209) compares levels of received signals of the respective measured data to determine a higher level as a received signal level. 5
4. A mobile station apparatus, comprising a transmission/reception apparatus,
wherein said transmission/reception apparatus 10 comprises:
- despreading means for despreading signals spread with mutually different spreading codes and transmitted in parallel from a plurality of 15 antennas at station;
received signal power measuring means for measuring received signal powers of the respective despread data;
received signal power calculation means for 20 combining received signal powers of the respective measured data; and
transmit power control means for controlling transmission power based on the combined received signal power. 25
5. A base station apparatus carrying out communications with the mobile station apparatus according to claim 4, comprising: 30
- data distribution means for distributing transmission data by the number of antennas;
spreading means for spreading the respective distributed data using mutually different 35 spreading codes; and
transmission means for transmitting the respective spread data in parallel from a plurality of antennas.
6. A transmit power control method, by which the base 40 station apparatus spreads transmission data distributed by the number of transmission antennas using mutually different spreading codes, then transmits them in parallel from a plurality of transmission antennas, and the mobile station apparatus 45 despreads the received data using the same spreading code as that on the transmitting side, measures and combines their received signal powers and controls transmission power based on the combined received power. 50

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PRIOR ART
FIG.1



PRIOR ART
FIG. 2

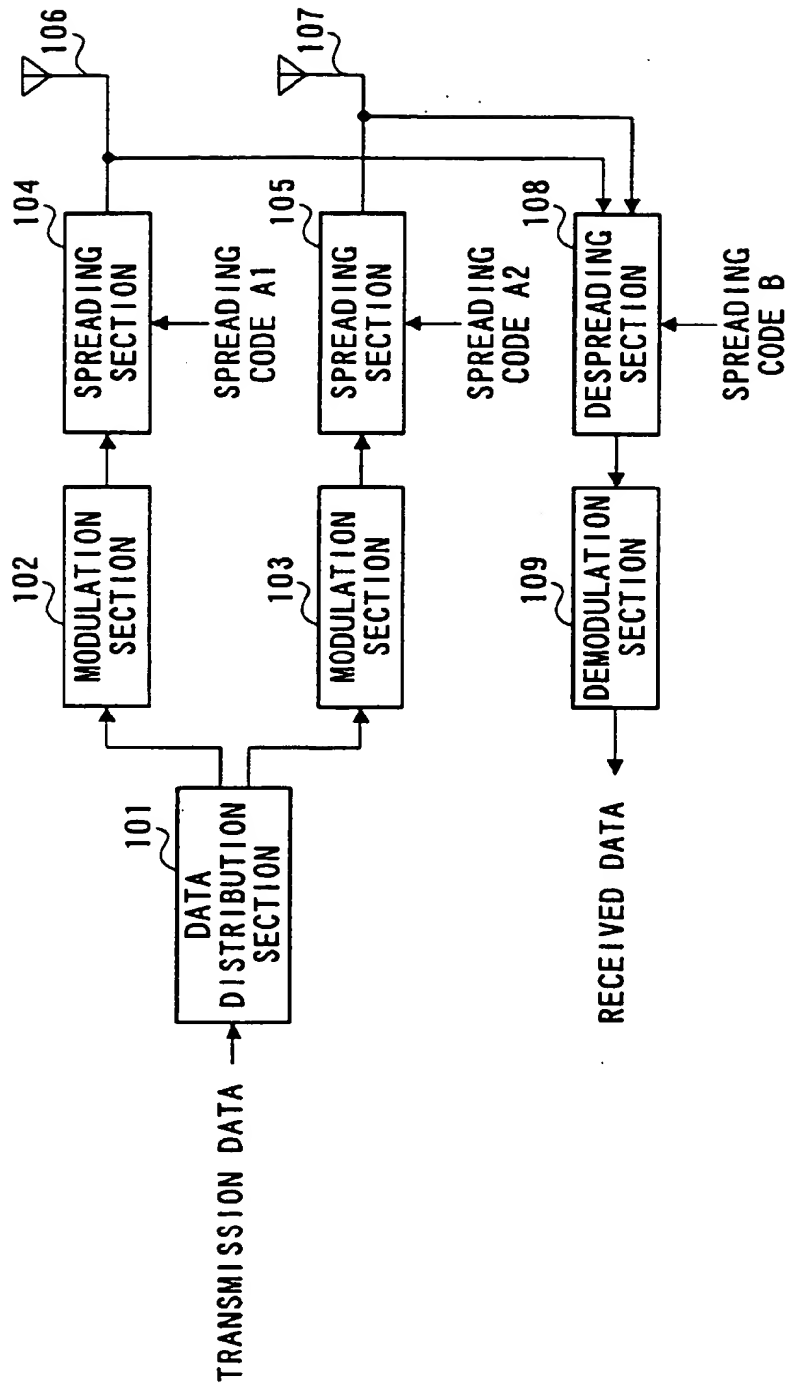


FIG. 3

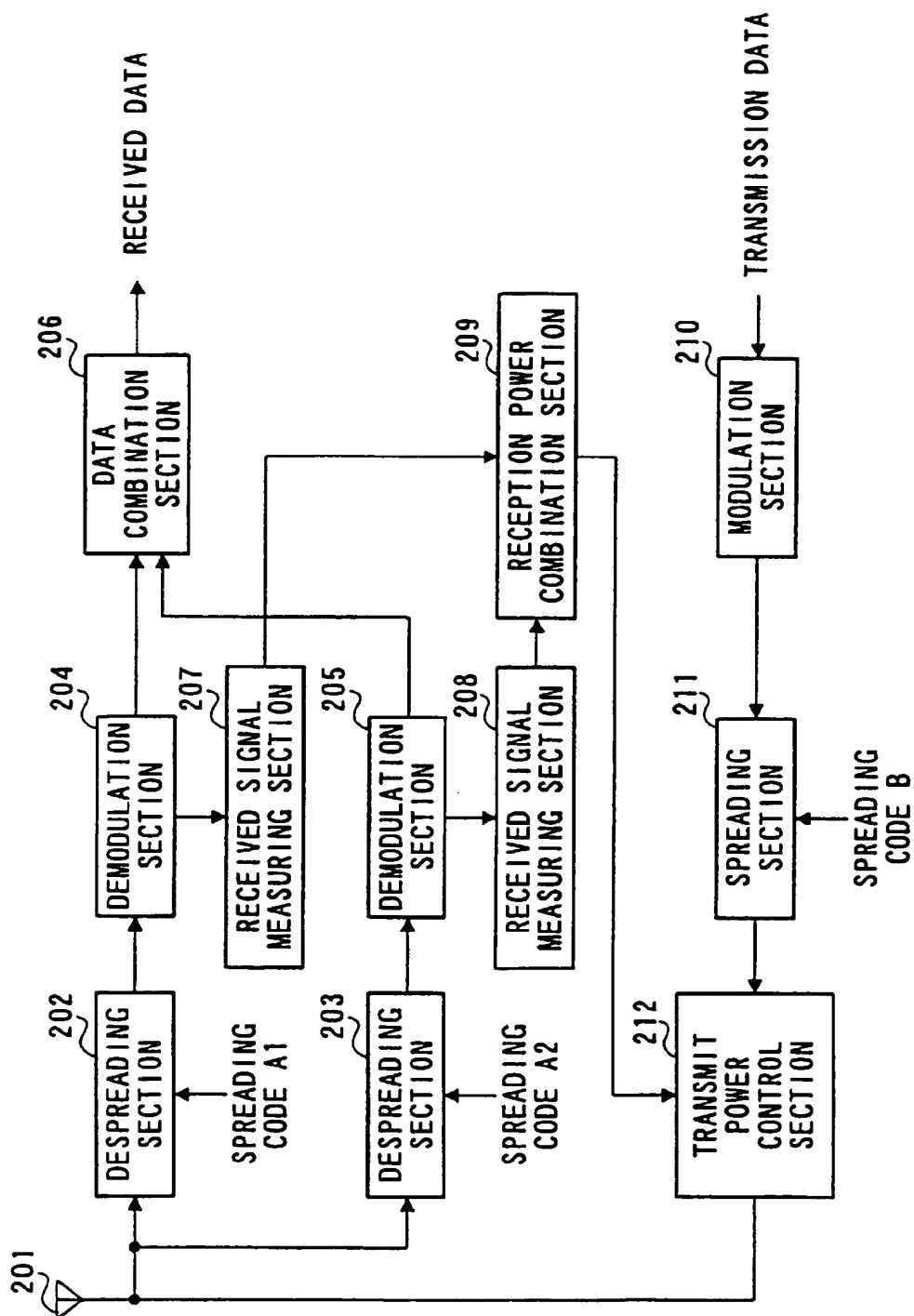


FIG. 4